

AGENDA ITEM MEMO

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 25, 2023

TO: Board Members

THROUGH: Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator
Ashley Harden, General Counsel
Rebecca Trevino, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Jessica N. Peña, Deputy Executive Administrator, Water Supply and
Infrastructure
T. Clay Schultz, Ph.D., Director, Regional Water Project Development

SUBJECT: Interagency Contract for Engineering Services

ACTION REQUESTED

Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an interagency contract with the University of Texas at Arlington in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to provide engineering services.

BACKGROUND

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), through its office of Water Supply and Infrastructure (WSI), is responsible for ensuring that TWDB-funded projects are constructed in accordance with programmatic requirements and approved plans and specifications. In addition, WSI engineering staff, via delegation of authority by the Executive Administrator, are authorized to inspect the construction and materials of any project at any time.

The TWDB has been working with the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) since 2020 to supplement WSI's engineering functions through an interagency contract. This current contract includes the following tasks:

- Technical and engineering assistance for plan reviews
- On-site inspection services of TWDB projects
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP) Development-Project Information Form scoring

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- Technical and administrative assistance for Certificates of Approval and project closeout.

KEY ISSUES

The work performed under this contract has been beneficial to WSI, the agency and its customers. The current contract was executed in November 2021 and extends until August 31, 2023.

In order to continue working with UTA through Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 and 2025, UTA has provided a proposed budget covering the four tasks noted above and based on estimated numbers of review and site visits. Additional tasks may be negotiated as the proposed contract is developed and as the FY progresses, depending on needs. The total proposed budget for the FY 2024-2025 contract is \$2,000,000.

RECOMMENDATION

In order to continue to utilize UTA to provide supplemental engineering services, the Executive Administrator recommends approving the request to authorize the execution of a contract with the UTA in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.